

Contempt Charges Dropped Against 3 Officials of Klan

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP) — Contempt - of - Congress charges were dismissed today against three Ku Klux Klan officials accused with four others of refusing to turn over Klan records for a House investigation.

David G. Bress, United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, said an investigation by his office supported the three Klan officials's contention that they did not have the records that were subpoenaed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities for its 1966 inquiry.

Freed by the action were Robert Hudgins, 35 years old, of Cary, N. C.; George F. Dorsett, 51, of Greensboro, N. C., and Marshall R. Kernegay, 40, of Raleigh, N. C.

When indicted in 1966, Hudgins was the Klan's imperial secretary, Dorsett its chaplain and Kernegay the grand dragon for Virginia.